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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/11/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's arguments that Nienhaus fails to show component I-C of the present invention (alkylated amino resin), the Examiner points out that Nienhaus teaches using carbamylmethylated melamines (5:32), which is an alkylated amino resin. The resin is a crosslinker, and would still function as such in the invention of Nienhaus or the present invention.

In response to applicant's arguments that Nienhaus teaches a three-component system, it is noted in the abstract that the components are mixed such that there are only two components. While Nienhaus teaches only a dual-cure system, the Examiner has relied upon Blum to teach the incorporation of a third method of curing.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., a long pot life) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

In response to applicant's arguments that there is no motivation to combine Ohrbom and that they are not analogous art, Ohrbom is another polyurethane type dual cure coating system and is only relied upon to teach compounds having carbamate functionality. The test for obviousness is not whether the features of a secondary

reference may be bodily incorporated into the structure of the primary reference; nor is it that the claimed invention must be expressly suggested in any one or all of the references. Rather, the test is what the combined teachings of the references would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981).

In response to applicant's argument regarding claim 9, the reference teaches polyurethane linkages, which are carbamate groups. Therefore, it meets the claimed limitations.

In response to applicant's argument regarding claim 10, as claimed, allophanate groups are not necessary and therefore the reference meets the claimed limitations.

In response to applicant's arguments regarding Blum, urethane and carbamate are synonyms, and Blum is relied upon merely for weight percentages.

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